

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-5 (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method of treating ~~colonic inflammation~~ colitis and/or colonic hypersensitivity to distension, comprising administration of an effective amount of a composition comprising lactic acid ~~bacterium~~ bacteria of the species ~~Lactobacillus farciminis~~ Lactobacillus farciminis.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said colitis ~~colonic inflammation~~ and/or said colonic hypersensitivity to distension, results from ~~an acute or chronic inflammatory pathology of the intestine~~ a pathology selected from the group consisting of Crohn's disease, hemorrhagic rectocolitis, and irritable bowel syndrome.

8-10 (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

12-18 (canceled)